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City of Seguin to Seek Public Input in Naming of New Park ***Residents to Submit Suggestions and Vote on Favorite***

SEGUIN, Texas – The City of Seguin is seeing public input in naming the new community park to be built on the city’s west side. Seguin City Council approved the naming process at Tuesday’s meeting.

“This is a great opportunity to allow the citizens who approved funding the park have a say in naming it,” Seguin Public Information Officer Scott Packard said. “We’re excited to make this a true community effort.”

The City will solicit names from the public via e-mail, voicemail or in-person visit to City Hall for two weeks beginning July 21. Participants will be required to provide their name, address and contact information in order to submit a name suggestion. In accordance with city policy, any suggestion that includes the name of a living person will not be considered. Residents may suggest as many names as they want but each suggestion must be a separate entry and include a name and contact information.

At the end of the two week period, Seguin City Council will consider the list of suggested names and narrow it down to as many as five. The remaining names will then be presented for a public vote via e-mail, voicemail or in-person visit to City Hall. Only one vote per person will

be accepted. Participants will be required to provide their name, address and contact information to vote. The voting period will be two weeks.

The name that receives the most votes will be presented to Seguin City Council for final approval. The person who submitted the winning name will be recognized. The needed phone number, email address and website information will be provided this week. The naming of the new skate park is not included in this process.

In November 2013, voters approved \$5 million in bonds to build the new community park and make improvements to existing parks. The new park will be located on what is commonly known as the Hoermann property, a 48-acre site located south of San Antonio Avenue and west of North Vaughn Avenue. The project will include athletic fields, a playground, splash pad, pavilion, picnic shelters, nature trails, restrooms and concessions. In April, Seguin City Council approved a contract with Rialto Studio to design and build the park. A completion date has not yet been set.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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